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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN US DURING APRIL 1981

REF: MOSCOW 5474, MOSCOW 5672

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON TRAVEL DURING APRIL 1981:
62 NOTES FILED WITH EIGHT AMENDMENTS. 55 APPROVED, SEVEN
DENIED. [REDACTED] THE 24-HR EXCEPTION REQUEST WAS
DENIED, AND TWO CLOSED AREA REQUESTS WERE DENIED.

ROTH'S WERE APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

1) THIRD SECRETARY [REDACTED] WAS DENIED PERMISSION
TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, LAFAYETTE, LA, AND CHICAGO
APRIL 4-7, ALL BY PLANE.

2) COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR [REDACTED] AND EMPLOYEE
[REDACTED] DENIED PERMISSION TO ATLANTA AND FORT
LAUDERDALE APRIL 6-8, BY PLANE.

3) AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE [REDACTED] AND EMPLOYEE
[REDACTED] WERE DENIED PERMISSION TWICE AFTER

FILING TWICE IN SHORT SUCCESSION TO TRAVEL TO
QUEENSTOWN, MARYLAND, MILFORD, DELAWARE, AND LAUREL,
DELAWARE ON APRIL 4-11 AND APRIL 23-24, BOTH BY CAR.

3. AEROFLOT FILED THROUGH EMBASSY FOR FIVE TRIPS, ALL
BUT ONE APPROVED, THAT ONE A DENIAL OF A 24-HOUR
EXCEPTION. TRAVELER IN THAT CASE MADE FRUITLESS EFFORT
TO CIRCUMVENT FILING NOTE ENTIRELY.

4. INTOURIST FILED THROUGH EMBASSY FOR TWO TRIPS, BOTH
FOR OPEN AREAS, BOTH APPROVED.

5. SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS ON EAST COAST FILED THROUGH
EMBASSY FOR 16 TRIPS. 14 APPROVED, ONE DENIED A CLOSED
AREA EXCEPTION AND ONE DENIED FOR REASONS OF A TEMPORARY
NATURE. [REDACTED]

6. THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO FILED
17 NOTES AND TWO AMENDMENTS. 14 WERE APPROVED AS
SUBMITTED, TWO WERE DENIED CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS, ONE
WAS DENIED A 48-HOUR EXCEPTION. THE ONLY EXCEPTION
GRANTED DURING APRIL WENT TO CONSUL GENERAL'S WIFE TO
MAKE EMERGENCY TRIP TO MOSCOW VIA WASHINGTON, ON APRIL
21.

7. [REDACTED]
THERE IS NO PARTICULAR PATTERN TO
AGRICULTURAL TRAVEL HERE. DURING APRIL ALL OF THEIR
REQUESTS WERE FOR THE WASHINGTON AREA, BY CAR. ONE

LARGE GROUP, INCLUDING MANY SPOUSES AND CHILDREN,
VISITED TWO FARMS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. WE UNDERSTOOD
THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FACILITATED THE TRIP,
AS IT DOES FOR OTHER FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES
HERE. IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN SOME AIR
TRAVEL TO THE MIDWEST, BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY TO
ACCOMPANY DELEGATIONS. AGRICULTURAL TRAVEL, LIKE MOST
EMBASSY TRAVEL, IS BY CAR OR BY PLANE. WE DO NOT ALTER
MODE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY EMBASSY TRAVEL.

8. MOST SOVIET TRIPS CONTINUE TO BE WITHIN WASHINGTON -
NEW YORK CORRIDOR.

9. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE DETAILED TRAVEL REPORTS
SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY AND CONGEN RECENTLY. CLARK

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